

**In The Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph of BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS beginning at page 23 as follows:

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FIG. 1 is a view schematically showing a state where an optical fiber is fixed to a ferrule for an optical fiber connector according to an embodiment with an adhesive.

FIG. 2 is a cross-sectional view showing an exemplary configuration of a general ferrule for an optical fiber connector.

FIG. 3 is a cross-sectional view showing an exemplary configuration of an optical fiber connector plug.

FIG. 4 is a cross-sectional view showing an exemplary connection of an optical fiber connector plug.

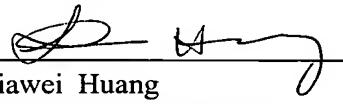
FIG. 5 is an enlarged view schematically showing a tip end portion of a ferrule in the step of inserting an optical fiber.

FIGS. 6(A)-6(D) [[is]] are [[an]] enlarged views schematically showing a tip end portion of a ferrule in the step of inserting an optical fiber.

FIG. 7 is a view schematically showing a mode of measurement of a contact angle  $\theta$  with respect to an adhesive.

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